

ELDERLY AND DISABLED TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EDTAC)

Committee Meeting Minutes
Via Teleconference
Wednesday, March 11, 2020
1:00 - 3:00pm

The Elderly and Disable Transit Advisory Committee (EDTAC) met Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 1:00pm via teleconference.

In attendance:

EDTAC MEMBERS:

Blake Roberts, Chair
Kathleen McCool, Co-chair
Ken Moore, CHEER
Jim Shiber, DVI

DTC Representatives:

Lori Yeager, Paratransit Support Services Manager
Tremica Cherry-Wall, Planner
Belinda Strickland, Civil Rights Specialist
Kathy McGuire, Contract Specialist
Tom Garvin, Fleet Coordinator
Paul Kulesza, Fixed Route Director
Margaret Webb, Paratransit Director
Jesus Negrón, Eligibility Supervisor
William Lawless, Reservationist Supervisor

Guest:

Kaleill Adul McGhee
Kevin Racine

Members Absent:

Debbie Dunlap
Melissa Martin
Bruce Fisher
Catrina Gosine

Call to Order

Blake Roberts, Chair, started the meeting and the minutes from the January meeting were not approved because there was not a quorum. The committee indicated if there was nothing in the by-laws regarding minutes being approved via email that they would do that since they had done it before.

Phone Introductions

Propane Bus Update:

Tom Garvin, Fleet Coordinator
DTC has 304 paratransit buses in their fleet and 254 at the end of the fiscal year. Propane fleet funded to be replaced every 5 years. 60 buses turned to propane in 2 years. 45 buses are still using gasoline in the fleet. Propane buses get .20 a mile and .30 a mile for gasoline fuel. The cost of a propane bus is \$110,000 and 17,500 for

conversion of a bus to propane. It seems that the propane buses have proven to be more efficient than gasoline fueled buses.

There are 14 Fixed Route electric buses and a total of 255 Fixed Route in the fleet, but they are diesel buses. A question was asked, if the 5310 buses have been changed to propane. Per Kathy McGuire they have not except for KSI.

On Time Performance Data for Fixed Route- Paul Kulesza

Statewide February FY 2020	Statewide March FY 2020
NC- 74%	74%
NC Contract- 84%	77%
KC- 83%	80%
SC Contract Services- 79%	81%
Resort- 92%	94%
SEPTA- 73%	77%

On Time Performance Data for Paratransit- Margaret Webb

Statewide January 2020 85.6% January 2019 85.6% in all three counties.
 2019 New Castle County 83.8% and 2020 83.5% up 86% last year was 83.7%.

Statewide February FY 2020		Statewide March FY 2020	
KC ADA 90.8%	Demand 81%	KC ADA 91%	Demand 91.9%
NCC 83.5%	84.5%	NCC 85.3%	87.5%
NCC cntrs 83.6%	83.2%	NCC cntrs 85.1%	88.8%
SC 89.4%	89.4%	SC 86.5%	90.5%
SC cntrs 85.9%	86.0%	SC cntrs 88.8%	88.3%
Total 86.7%		Total 88.3%	

Some challenges:

(6) Operators retired in New Castle County and a few in Kent and Sussex.

DTC Updates:**Tremica Cherry-Wall, Planning Dept**

Public Hearings took place in all three counties to discuss plans for the upcoming service change in May. The Wilmington Transit Hub is expected to be complete and open May 17, 2020. Located at Front and Walnut St. in Wilmington. The hub will have space for 10 buses at one time. Other amenities will include real time schedules, maps, wi-fi, rest rooms, vending machines, seating and bike racks just to name a few. Connections are not all going to be at Rodney Square. The 311 is a new route that will be an express that will take trips from Route 301 which will have limited stops. Route 305 operating with beach bus service starting May 17, 2020.

Kathy McGuire, Contract Specialist

DTC sent 40 applications for FY20 on November 27, 2019 and received request for 40. Applications were returned January 17, 2020 and 13 agencies applied; 15 buses were awarded two agencies requested different type buses.

Precautions DTC have in place for Operators and customers regarding the

Coronavirus: Paul Kulesza read the email that was sent from maintenance what the staff would be doing to help keep down the germs on the buses.

- Maintenance has defogged all the vehicles with a disinfectant.
- Every night buses are being wiped down with disinfectant: handrails, grab rails, fare box, seats and steering wheels.
- They are ordering more hand sanitizer for the operators and encouraging them to wear gloves.

Next EDTAC meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2020.